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SUBJECT: ALTERNATIVE PROCEDURES FOR SPRING DEFENSE REVIEW

REF: A. USNATO 6294 DTG 191130Z NOV 75

B. USNATO 6384 DTG 211910Z NOV 75

C. USNATO 6318 DTG 192851Z NOV 75

D. USNATO 6379 DTG 211800Z NOV 75

1. ON NOVEMBER 21, ASYG HUMPHREYS (DEFENSE PLANNING AND POLICY) HELD INFORMAL MEETING OF EXECUTIVE WORKING GROUP (EWG) REPS FROM US, UK, FRG, NETHERLANDS AND INTERNATIONAL MILITARY STAFF (IMS) TO DISCUSS HOW EWG WOULD HANDLE WORKING PAPER ENTITLED "ALLIANCE DEFENSE COOPERATION -- A POSSIBLE REVIEW PROCEDURE FOR MULTILATERAL COOPERATIVE MEASURES" (REF A) DURING NOVEMBER 26 MEETING. THOUGH REPS EXPRESSED PERSONAL AGREEMENT WITH WORKING PAPER PROPOSALS FOR REGIONALLY-ORIENTED SPRING REVIEWS OF NATO SUPPORTING AND OTHER COOPERATIVE CONFIDENTIAL

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PROGRAMS, BGEN SCHUENEMANN (FRG) AND CARSTEN (NETHERLANDS) IN PARTICULAR DOUBTED THAT THEIR AUTHORITIES WOULD PROVIDE INSTRUCTIONS BY NOVEMBER 26. BOTH EMPHASIZED THAT WORKING PAPER PROPOSALS REQUIRED "STUDY" BY BROAD SPECTRUM OF NATIONAL

AUTHORITIES AND THAT THESE AUTHORITIES WOULD PROBABLY NOT
FOCUS ON PAPER UNTIL AFTER THE DECEMBER MINISTERIAL MEETING.

2. FOLLOWING MEETING, ASYG HUMPHREYS PRIVATELY SUGGESTED THAT
SECRETARY RUMSFELD MAY WISH TO CONSIDER CITING NEED FOR
"GETTING THINGS MOVING ON THIS SPRING REVIEW BUSINESS" IN HIS
REMARKS AT THE MINISTERIAL MEETING. HUMPHREYS BELIEVES THAT EWG
DEVELOPMENT OF PROPOSALS FOR MORE EFFECTIVE SPRING REVIEW
PROCEDURES WILL NEED TO OVERCOME A HOST OF PRIMARILY INTERNAL
BUREAUCRATIC OBSTACLES IN CAPITALS (EXCEPTING WASHINGTON AND
LONDON) AND THAT A STRONG STATEMENT OF ENCOURAGEMENT BY SECRETARY
RUMSFELD WOULD ENHANCE PROSPECTS FOR MORE TIMELY AGREEMENT AMONG
ALLIES. HUMPHREYS NOTED THAT AGREEMENT SOMETIME PRIOR TO END OF
1975 IS ESSENTIAL TO PERMIT ADEQUATE "HOMEWORK", PARTICULARLY BY
NATO MILITARY AUTHORITIES, FOR PROFITABLE "PILOT" MEETING NEXT
SPRING.

MISSION COMMENT: WE AGREE AND THEREFORE REAFFIRM OUR
RECOMMENDATION (REF B) THAT SECRETARY RUMSFELD INCLUDE REMARKS
ABOUT NEED FOR REVISED SPRING REVIEW PROCEDURES DURING
MINISTERIAL CONSIDERATION OF RATIONALIZATION/SPECIALIZATION
OF DEFENSE TASKS (AGENDA ITEM III) AND/OR SACEUR'S FLEXIBILITY
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